

Maynard Finance Committee
September 13, 2021
7:07PM – 9:22PM
Meeting hosted virtually over Zoom

Present from Committee:

Alannah Gustavson, Jillian Prendergast, Ken Estabrook, Elliot Bruce

Present, not Committee:

Gregory Johnson, Orian Greene, Susan Zibi, Natasha Rivera

Alannah started with the standard intro and then started by noting we have some citizens petitions that we will discuss next time.

Control M: Greg mentioned that the town will be sending out a survey of inactive voters twice a year (state mandated, though the town has not done for a couple years) which is around 1,600 voters in the town, and it costs like \$0.50 in postage to send these out. He is proposing shifting \$3,000 from “general insurance” to handle the postage.

Greg explained that citizens petitions are not put forward by the Board, rather just accepted to be voted on at town meeting. The Finance Committee still must recommend or not recommend. The Board has outlined the potential issues with repaving streets (one of the citizens petitions) and has accepted the petition to be voted on at town meeting. Repaving is part of the annual budget, so the citizens petition is a movement to pave certain specific streets in lieu of others.

Orian Greene joined us for a discussion of the plastic bags and polystyrene articles. She mentioned that Green Maynard spoke to many businesses and there was not really any pushback. We discussed for a while and then Ken motioned to approve Control P, Elliot seconded, 4-0 roll call. [Elliot will write comments]

Draft Control Q. Susan Zibi of Green Maynard added her commentary that they have spoken to many businesses and there was again, no pushback. They spoke to businesses in surrounding towns as well and received positive feedback. Orian Greene had also spoken to businesses about the polystyrene and for the most part received positive feedback with two exceptions. Ken and Jill are concerned with the commercial applications of polystyrene as per some businesses that are in town or may consider moving here in the future. Elliot motioned to approve, not seconded - we will revisit this article in the September 27 FinCom meeting.

We went through the other Draft Controls and after a handful of minor wording changes Ken motioned to approve the lot, seconded by Jill, passed 4-0 roll call.

Our next meeting agenda was set. Ken motioned to adjourn, seconded by Elliot, approved 4-0. Alannah adjourned the meeting at 9:22PM.

Documents & Exhibits

Draft Control documents

Reserve Fund Balance

\$101,052.29